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NATIONAL REPORT

Sammy Davis, Jr. leaves the bulk of his estate to wife, Altovise.

Sammy Davis, Jr. Leaves An Estate Valued At \$4 Million, Probate Court Petition Reveals

I am well fixed, thank God. Ain't nobody going to have to do no charity benefits for me. I make a lot of money and I spend a lot of money. I take care of my family—and they all live well... I live high on the hog, as the saying goes, but then I own the hog.

—Sammy Davis, Jr. (JET, June 4)

Sammy Davis, Jr., who was born in the poverty of Harlem 64 years ago and funeralized last May in the opulence of Hollywood Hills' Hall of Liberty in Los Angeles, left an estate estimated at \$4,030,000.

In his last will and testament filed recently in the Superior

Court of California in Los Angeles, Davis, affectionately called the "Candy Man," made life sweeter for 12 persons who touched his life deeply and four institutions which honored him with awards that recognized him for what he was in life—the world's greatest entertainer.

The will, signed by Davis on March 12, two months before he died of throat cancer in his Beverly Hills home on May 16, estimates that his personal property is valued at \$2,030,000 and his real property value is estimated at \$2 million. He stipulates that his widow, Altovise, is to receive most of the estate.

In life the diminutive dancer and sensitive songstylist gave of himself to civil and human rights causes. In death the legend leaves a legacy of money and memorabilia to those closest to him. They are identified in the will filed for probate as:

Mrs. Altovise Gore Davis, his sentimental strong-hearted wife of 20 years who once was a featured dancer with his touring troupe; Mrs. Tracey Davis Garner, a devoted daughter who brought a final joy to him with the birth of his grandson, Sam Michael, shortly before he died; Andrew Davis, his 5-year-old grandson; Jeff and Mark Davis, his strong-willed sons from a previous marriage to actress Mai Britt; Manny Davis, his thoughtful 13-year-old adopted son; Mrs. Elvera Davis, surviving proud parent and former dancer who saw him debut as a 3-year-old child prodigy performer; Mrs.



Beneficiaries of the entertainer/businessman's estate are his four children (l-r) Tracey Davis Garner, Mark, Jeff and Manny Davis.

Ramona Davis, his steadfast sister; Mrs. Shirley Rhodes, his tough-minded no-nonsense manager and faithful friend; Murphy Bennett, his constant companion and reliable road manager; Wallace (Bernard) Wilson, his valuable valet; Fortunatus Ricard, a talented band member who was selected as interim musical director upon the death of George Rhodes; actor Clint Eastwood, a longtime loyal show biz ally; Wilberforce University, the first Black educational institution to award him, an unschooled dropout, an Honorary Doctorate degree; Howard University and Morehouse College, which also honored with honorary degrees.

Davis chose two trusted friends as co-executors to administer his estate:

Mrs. Shirley Rhodes, who is also wife of his late musical conductor George Rhodes and his business associate for 25 years; and Atty. John R. Climaco, a friend and advisor of 15 years, who is the senior partner of a 40-person law firm located in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the petition to the Superior Court to probate the will which was filed on Aug. 3, Davis made the following declaration:

"I am married to Altovise Gore Davis and all references in this will to 'my wife' are to her. I have

no natural born children of this marriage; however, I recently adopted a young son. I have children and grandchildren of a previous marriage. I have made, other than in this will, provisions for each of my beloved children from my previous marriage."

The will confirms his wife's interest in "our community property" and indicates that he intends to dispose of all property he is entitled to dispose of, including "my one-half interest in our community property."

Known in show business circles as a soft touch who was generous to a fault, his generosity is the centerpiece of his gifts set forth in the will. From his tangible personal property, he makes the following gifts and comments:

- 1) "I give to my beloved mother Elvera Davis, the sum of \$50,000;
- 2) "I give to my dearest sister, Ramona James, \$75,000;

Davis remembers his mother, Elvera, and sister, Mrs. Ramona James.





Davis' will names his manager, Shirley Rhodes, as co-executor.

Black Institutions Benefit

3) "I hereby give my son, Manny, \$50,000;

4) "I give to my dear friend Shirley Rhodes \$25,000 to be used as 'fun money' along with my large diamond ring;

5) "I give to my dear friend Murphy Bennett \$100,000;

6) "I give to my housekeeper, Lessie Lee, \$100,000;

7) "I give Wallace Wilson \$25,000;

8) "I give Eddie Peterson \$75,000;

9) "I give to Morehouse College in Atlanta \$100,000 to be used as a scholarship fund;

10) "I give to my dear friend John R. Climaco my brown diamond ring;

11) "I give to my dear friend Fortunatus Ricard my pinky ring;

12) "I give to my friend Clint

Eastwood my 'Gary Cooper' gun;

13) "I give to the Gene Autry Western Museum all remaining pieces of my western gun collection;

14) "I give to my dear friend Brian Dellow my personal Chrysler automobile and my non-western gun collection;

15) "I give my personal and professional wardrobe to a fund for needy children, for their best use and discretion, including auction or sale under their auspices for fund raising;

16) "I give to my beloved wife Altovise and beloved children the right to select and divide amongst themselves, for their ownership, my papers, memorabilia, musical arrangements, photographs, awards, and other items of sentimentality. Those not selected by my wife or any of my children shall be directed $\frac{1}{2}$ to Wilberforce University in Ohio and $\frac{1}{2}$ to Howard University in Washington, D.C., equally;

17) "I give to my beloved wife, Altovise, all my video tapes. Any video tapes she chooses not to retain, I give to my dear friend Jack Haley;

18) "I give to my beloved wife, Altovise, all my motion picture films. Any films that my dearest wife chooses not to retain, I give to the Negro Film Society located in Oakland, Calif.; and

19) "All the rest, residue and remainder of my tangible personal property, including jewelry, furniture, fixtures, cameras, video equipment, art work, etc., located at my residence or that personally owned by me and located wherev-

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Davis left his "Gary Cooper" gun to friend, actor Clint Eastwood.

Wife Gets All Real Property

er, not specifically hereinbefore bequeathed, I give to my beloved wife, Altovise, absolutely."

The show biz legend demonstrated his concern especially for all of the individuals he chose as recipients of his gifts. His will states:

"In the event there are not sufficient assets in the form of personal property in my estate to fund the cash gifts indicated above to the specifically named in-



The loyalty of Murphy Bennett (l) and Bernard Wilson was rewarded.

dividuals and institutions, I direct my Executors to eliminate the institutions and to fund such cash gifts proportionately, to the individuals named, as my funds will allow."

The sole beneficiary of his real property is his wife. He bequeathed to her the real property which consists of their marital home in Beverly Hills. The will declares that the home is "hers absolutely."

His will also makes provision for all of the rest and residue of his estate "in whatever form or wherever place it may be located." It is to be given to his wife.

Indicating his knowledge of the California Independent Administration of Estates Act, Davis authorizes his executors full authority to administer his estate. He asserts:

"My executors shall have the full powers conferred on executors by law to: "sell assets of my estate at public or private sale, for cash or on credit terms, as my executors consider necessary for the proper administration and distribution of my estate;...to invest and reinvest any surplus money of my estate as my Executors consider advisable in any kind of real or personal property and in any kind of investment; and to retain any property of my estate for as long as my Executors consider appropriate, without liability for any resulting losses."

In the general provision of the will, the non-contest clause states:

"If any beneficiary under this will, in any manner, directly or in-



Morehouse President Hugh Gloster awards Davis Honorary Doctorate degree. Davis' wife joined him at Wilberforce to receive Honorary Doctorate.

directly, contests or attacks this will or any of its provisions in any legal proceeding designed to thwart my intentions as expressed in this will, any share or interest in my estate given to that contesting beneficiary under this will is hereby revoked and shall be disposed of in the same manner provided herein as if that contesting beneficiary had predeceased me without surviving descendants."

The Superior Court has set Sept. 4 as the hearing date for the entertainer's will to be admitted to probate.

For persons who knew the entertainment legend best will attest that the document captures the essence of his life as he describes in one of his favorite songs, *All The Good Things In Life*, which says, in part: "I have lived. I have loved. I have won. I have lost. I have laughed and I have cried. I have tried to give my life some meaning... I'm not here for long, but there is time for a song and some wine. And when time runs away, I will look back and say the good things in life were all mine."

—ROBERT E. JOHNSON

After receiving Honorary Doctorate from Howard University, Davis poses with (l-r) Cicely Tyson, President James Cheek and Altonise.



PUSH Announces Sanctions Against Nike Athletics



Rev. Tyrone Crider in response to the athletic wear giant's poor record of hiring and investment in the Black community and a "preemptive strike of accusations and innuendo" from the company directed at the civil rights organization.

The PUSH national board of directors announced the economic withdrawal after Nike sent a sharply-worded letter accusing PUSH of taking money from its biggest competitor, Reebok, and questioning the fairness of PUSH targeting Nike alone in its announced campaign to make the athletic shoe industry more responsive to the Black community.

"At no time has Operation PUSH solicited or received funds from the Reebok Corporation," said Rev. Tyrone Crider, National Executive Director of Operation PUSH, in a statement responding to Nike's letter. "A Reebok ad did appear in the PUSH Magazine, a response that the total athletic shoe industry and many other corporations should carry out and one having nothing to do with contribution."

PUSH accused Nike of trying to

Operation PUSH is asking Black consumers and supporters not to purchase or wear products produced by the Nike Co.,

cloud the issue and evade the questions initially brought up during a meeting between PUSH officials and Nike president Robert Donahue July 31. At that time, the negotiations seemed to be proceeding amicably, and a subsequent meeting was set for Aug. 14. However, instead of confirmation of that meeting, PUSH received Donahue's letter.

Rev. Crider said that Nike still has not answered the basic questions that PUSH posed in the first place.

"When will the company reinvest in a community providing no less than 30 and perhaps as much as 45 percent of its sales?" said the PUSH statement, which also pointed out that Nike has no Blacks on its board of directors, no Black vice-presidents, or even senior design engineers, and that the company does not utilize Black banks, Black media, Black advertising agencies or Black law firms.

"Currently, their record does not represent a reinvestment that is adequate for our trade, given our substantive involvement in the purchases of Nike products," said Rev. Crider.

Central Figure In Bias Death Faces Drug Charges

Brian Tribble, who was acquitted in 1987 of supplying the cocaine that killed University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, has surrendered to federal authorities on drug charges.

Tribble is charged with possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute.

Ticker Tape U.S.A.

By Simeon Booker, *Washington Bureau Chief*

Confidential: A performance by actress **Cicely Tyson** honoring former Senegal President **Leopold Senghor** during the **Jimmy Carter** years will go down in the history of White House state dinners. Social secretaries still talk about how Ms. Tyson read a poem written by the guest of honor who, to the surprise of other guests, broke down in tears. . . Of the 17 Black women appointed to high posts by President **George Bush**, the National Federation of Republican Women has groomed four for fall campaigning. They are Dr. **Bonnie Guiton**, the presidential consumer affairs adviser; Ambassador **Jewel S. Lafontant**, the U.S. coordinator for refugee affairs; Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary **Kay C. James**; and **Constance Berry Newman**, the director of the Office of Personnel Management. . . After 37 years, **Ruth Martin** has retired as the waitress who serves the press table at the U.S. Senate restaurant. She gave reporters their share of scoops—of ice cream and mashed potatoes. . . Invites are in the mail for Chicago Rep. **Cardiss Collins**' "Most swinging black-tie champagne party" Sept. 27 during the congressional Black Caucus Weekend. . . New Mexico State Treasurer **James Lewis** is the most unusual Black politician, according to Rep. **Bill Richardson**. In a House speech, the solon congratulated the 1990 honoree of the National Association of Black Accountants, who recently narrowly missed being nominated a Democratic congressional candidate. He is president of the Western Association of State Treasurers.

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National Headliners: Who is the most productive member of the Congressional Black Caucus? Send your selection and the reasons in a letter to us at 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. . . First and only female member of the Rotary Club of Tanzania is diplomat **Gayleatha Brown**, an embassy economic aide in Dar es Salaam. . . Named to help design a new Office of Research and Development was Dr. **Theda Zawaiza**, a doctoral degree holder in education from



Cardiss Collins

the University of California in Santa Barbara. She's a legislative analyst for the House Education and Labor subcommittee. . . Dead—97-year-old **Votie D. Dixon**, who led the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees campaign for 26 years to eliminate photographs from civil service applications.



James Lewis



Archbishop Eugene Marino's resignation after "intimate" relationship with Vicki Long (r), has triggered celibacy debate.

Should Priests Be Allowed To Marry?

Since Archbishop Eugene Marino resigned as the nation's first Black Roman Catholic archbishop, after it was disclosed that he had an "intimate relationship" with a 27-year-old woman (JET, Aug. 20), the Catholic community has begun asking itself, "should priests be allowed to marry?"

Some observers point out that perhaps the Catholic Church should look again at its celibacy vows and laws against allowing priests and nuns to marry. They are wondering if celibacy, a discipline required of Roman Catholic priests since the Middle Ages, is appropriate in the 20th century.

The Marino incident actually is nothing new. Research has shown that more than 13,200 priests have resigned since 1965 alone, and most of them because of the church's strict celibacy vows, which prohibits sex. And research also shows that since the 1830's there have been "at most four" cases where a bishop has resigned because of a sexual relationship.

Noted Chicago priest Father

George Clements said the question of married priests, "is not really a yes or no answer. I don't feel today that any young man should take the vow unless he is prepared to keep it and if he feels any hesitation about it, well, then he should not become a priest," he said.

Father Clements continued, "We should live up to the vow that we make." He stated, "I feel very strongly that people must live up to their contracts. Married people have to live up to the contract that they make when they say they'll be married for life. And I feel that we should live up to the vow that we make that we're not going to get married."

But at the same time, Clements emphasized, "it's a church law and it can be changed" if the church chose to do so. "It's not a divine law, not a law from God."

He pointed out, "We do know the Apostles themselves were married. They were the first priests."

Vincent de Forest, board member of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice in Washington, D.C., said priests and nuns should have the option of staying celibate or marrying.

While giving his personal opinion and not speaking on behalf of the organization, he said, "The church would be better served if there was the flexibility of being celibate for both priests and nuns."

He added, "Since it's not a law of God, there at least should be the option," he reasoned. "The option should be there for a person



Father George Clements says celibacy "is a church law, not a law from God," and Father Michael Pfleger says priests should be allowed to marry.

wanting to be part of religious life as a priest. There should be the flexibility to allow that to happen," he said.

de Forest continued, "Celibacy might have served its purpose historically but there should be flexibility to allow for those who want to remain celibate and those who want a relationship, a partnership. I think that can go a long way in enhancing the church and its responsibility in the 21st century."

Father Michael Pfleger, pastor of the St. Sabina Church, a predominantly Black church on Chicago's South Side, emphasized that it is indeed time for priests to be allowed to marry.

"I definitely believe priests should be allowed to marry," he stated. He said celibacy and not being able to marry is "unwise, unnatural, inhuman, it needs to be abolished immediately."

He added, "In the early church, priests did marry. That was something that was later changed by church law and I think it's an unnatural request of a human being. And I think as a result of that, you have so many priests with sexuality hangups and problems because it's contrary to the very

natural makeup of the human being."

Other research shows that up to half of Roman Catholic priests in the U.S. do not uphold their vows of celibacy, according to estimates by a former priest who is now a psychotherapist.

The research by A.W. Sipe, who left the priesthood to get married, indicated 20 percent of priests "have a clear pattern of heterosexual behavior," 10 percent to 13 percent are homosexually active and six percent are involved sexually with minors.

Father Pfleger agreed with de Forest that celibacy should be something that a person chooses if he or she wants. "It's an unnatural request of a person to be celibate in order to be a priest and I think that's why we have so few people coming into the priesthood, that's why we have so many leaving."

The debate on celibacy has long been a concern for many in the Catholic Church. In 1971, the National Federation of Priests Council voted in favor of making celibacy optional. And support groups for women and priests who have had sexual relationships are starting—one in Pennsylvania has about 1,200 members, three-fourths of whom are priests.

Controversial Bishop George Stalings Jr., encourages priests to marry, and Vincent de Forest says priests should have the option.



Another group, CORPUS a Minneapolis-headquartered national association of resigned priests, celibate priests and laymen and women who advocate married priesthood, also continues to meet regularly. Said Frank Bonnike, board member and one of the founders of the group, "Celibacy is a dead end and the men who develop relationships have no place to go. What do

you do with it?" he asked. Bonnike, who is a resigned priest and a married father, added that priests should be allowed to marry because of the fine example of ministers in other faiths. "The witness of the married Protestant ministers and rabbis have proven beyond all doubt that they can be effective, that man can combine both vocations, marriage and ministry," he said.

Woman, 27, Charges She Married Ex-Archbishop Marino Two Years Ago

The 27-year-old woman whose intimate relationship with Roman Catholic Archbishop Eugene Marino of Atlanta led to his resignation (JET, Aug. 20) recently claimed she was secretly married to him nearly two years ago, her lawyer said.

Vicki R. Long and Marino exchanged what she considered *Vicki Long, (r) claims that she was secretly married to former Atlanta Archbishop Eugene Marino.*

wedding vows in December 1988 during a trip to New York, attorney Anthony Fontana said. He said he was not sure of the details "but I do know that she says that at one point in time he got her to perform vows and I think it's a further indication of the tremendous amount of control that he had over her."

Archdiocese spokesperson Peter Dora denied Marino and Ms. Long had wed. "There is no marriage that would be recognized by the state or by the church," he said.

Marino, 56, resigned earlier this year because of what archdiocese officials said was an intimate relationship with Ms. Long, of Riverdale, Ga. Marino had been the nation's highest-ranking Black Catholic.

Ms. Long also claims she was seduced by a nun during a trip to Pittsburgh when she was 19, the Atlanta Constitution reported, citing two unidentified sources familiar with an account Ms. Long gave church officials.

The newspaper did not give the nun's name. Ms. Long's allegations about the nun surfaced in



her 1987 paternity suit against the Rev. Donal Keohane of Columbus, who she claimed fathered her four-year-old daughter, the newspaper said. Blood tests showed that Keohane was not the father, but the archdiocese is paying child support.

The Rev. Michael Woods, a Sandy Springs, Ga., priest, resigned after admitting he too had an intimate relationship with Ms. Long. Ms. Long denied she had a sexual relationship with Woods. She has not said whether she had a sexual relationship with the archbishop. Marino, who had been in seclusion since resigning, was recently admitted to a psychiatric unit but the archdiocese would not reveal where. In the meantime, Ms. Long was fielding offers for TV talk show appearances, articles in tabloids and television movie rights.

Election Puts Jesse's Show On Hold In D.C.

Rev. Jesse Jackson's political aspiration to become a "shadow senator" for the District of Columbia in the upcoming November election has prompted local television stations to hold off airing his new syndicated talk show.

Stations in the nation's capital and Baltimore have opted not to air the show until after the Nov. 11 election, according to a Jackson spokesperson.

The reason the television stations will hold off airing the show is to avoid having to give Jackson's opponents in the race equal air time.



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Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, who was found guilty of one cocaine possession charge, addresses his supporters after verdict.

Barry Calls For 'Healing' In D.C. After His Victory In Drug And Perjury Trial

The first civil rights activist ever to be elected mayor of a major American city narrowly missed being sentenced to prison on drug and perjury charges—by the good book, a prayer and a shrewd Black lawyer.

After 10-weeks of anguish and bitterness that rocked the nation's capital to its core, a predominantly Black and female federal jury refused to convict Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry on all but one of 14 charges, including three perjury counts that undoubtedly would have resulted in a prison sentence.

The only charge the jury con-

victed Barry of was a single drug-related misdemeanor count while finding him not guilty of another drug possession charge. Judge James P. Jackson called a mistrial in the remaining 12 charges after jurors, following eight days of deliberations, sent him a note that further deliberations would not result in a unanimous decision.

In the end, the verdicts opened up a new vista for D.C.'s mayor, who has been hounded by law enforcement officers most of his unprecedented three terms in office.

If he had been convicted of a felony perjury count, Mayor Barry surely would have been sentenced to a prison term, thus ending an amazing uphill political rise embraced more by low-income residents than any other Black candidate.



Barry hears the jury's verdict in this sketch of the U.S. District Court room. A mistrial was declared on 12 remaining charges.

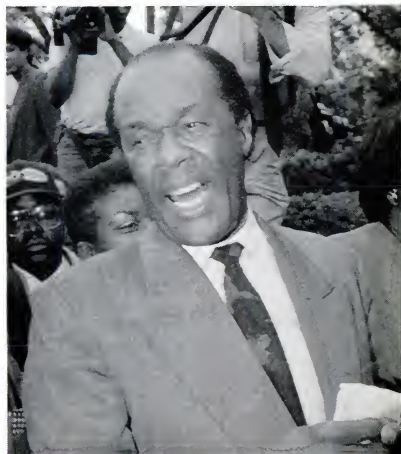
Barry immediately switched from Democrat to Independent "to keep my options open" and was "leaning" toward a run for an at-large seat on City Council. If elected to a four-year term on City Council, he would be eligible for a D.C. civil service pension.

Additionally, a designation as an Independent would minimize any embarrassment later to the National Democratic Party, which for the first time in its history is being headed by a Black, Ron Brown. Months of international press has made Barry the most publicized Black mayor in the country.

Signs of Barry support were visible from the moment he walked out of the courtroom surrounded by well-wishers who strained their vocal cords cheering "four more years," while simultaneously drowning out U.S.

Attorney Jay Stephens, who was attempting to hold an impromptu news briefing on the results of the trial on the courthouse steps.

Barry, however, savored the moment and chose his arena carefully. Speaking to a crowd of supporters the following day in the City Hall building, Barry admitted to dishonoring himself and his family and asked Washingtonians for forgiveness for "any hurt



Barry has called on prosecutors to "join in the healing" in the capital and abandon any plans of a retrial.

I may have caused" and to "let go of the past. Let go of the hate."

In one of his finer moments the mayor acknowledged "my trial has helped to expose deep divisions and racism in our community that are reflective of what is happening around the nation. But I believe that Washington, D.C., can be a model to the world of how people of divergent beliefs and opinions, of various races and religions can work together for the good of all. Now is the time for healing."

In a move toward that healing, Barry then called on "my greatest detractors" and the federal government "to work together." Prosecutor Stephens, following the trial, said he will make a decision on whether to pursue legal proceedings against Barry in the 12 charges that resulted in a mistrial on September 17, when the judge has scheduled a hearing on the case.

Barry's defense attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy, said the community at large "must now seize the opportunity in the lull and the quiet and the aftermath that has been left...and bind the lacerations and ease the scars that were left." The government, in making its decision on whether to retry Barry, should bear in mind "that sometimes it is better to step back, to reflect and to rebuild."

Mundy made it clear that "we (Barry's strategists) are not going to hurl the first stone. We stand, as I've said, ready to release the dove of peace, or, if necessary, to rearm our arsenal of war."

As for what impact the outcome

of the Barry trial will have on the city and his constituency, is yet to be seen. In the end, the decisions of the mayor and the government ultimately will solve the city's political dilemma.

The fate of Barry, who in the 1970s while serving on City Council was seriously injured in a takeover of City Hall by an armed group of Black militants, was probably most clearly defined by his wife and steadfast companion, Effi, who said, "It is human to err. It is divine to forgive."

Actress Esther Rolle Badly Hurt In Fatal Car Accident

Actress Esther Rolle, probably best remembered for her role as Florida Evans on the '70s hit TV series "Good Times,"



was gravely injured in an automobile accident that killed a 70-year-old Marshall, Texas, woman, police reported.

At JET press time, Ms. Rolle, 69, was in serious but stable condition at University Medical Center in Las Vegas after she and the driver of the car she was riding in rolled over on Interstate 15 near the California border. State troopers said the driver, whose name was withheld pending notification of her family, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Passengers Martha Jordan, 63, of Las Vegas, and Mary Collins, 63, of Los Angeles received minor injuries.

Esther Rolle



WEEKLY ALMANAC



12TH CHILD FREE:

Vicki and Stephen Kesler of Glenwood Springs, Colo., got a free gift when their 12th child was born in July. Valley View hospital, where Mrs. Kesler had delivered six of her most recent children, provided its services free. "I thought it would be nice to do something for them because they had supported us so much over the years by having their children here," said John Johnson, hospital administrator.



EXAGGERATED

DEATH: Jerre Jackson, a 48-year-old San Jose, Calif., woman who was somehow reported dead due to a computer error, recently was officially resurrected by the U.S. Treasury Department and Wells Fargo Bank. The government admitted its error, but only after it mistakenly removed \$741 in disability checks from her account. Still, Ms. Jackson said she was just happy to be alive again.



TIME OUT:

Chavez Lynch was in the first stages of labor but insisted on testifying in court even though it almost meant having her baby on the witness stand. Chavez, the victim of an attempted purse-snatching, was wheeled out of the courtroom immediately after her testimony and rushed to a hospital where she gave birth some hours later.



TRACTOR FLAT:

Luther Johnson of Rochester, N.Y., noticed that his tractor-trailer wasn't handling correctly while he was tooling down Interstate 90, so he pulled over to check his tires. What he found was a small car caught under his bumper, with the driver, Stephen Spring, still inside. Sheriff's deputies said the truck had pushed the car up a hill for about a half a mile.



HOOSEGOW HONEY-

MOON: Sheila Maria Boyd and Jerry Conner were surprised that they had nine uniformed police officers at their wedding celebration at a Brooklyn, N.Y., restaurant. They were even more surprised when they were arrested on 18 counts of robbery after an alleged victim spotted the two in the restaurant celebrating and recognized them as the persons who committed a robbery at a doctor's office.



KIDDIE CRIMINALS:

A pair of 12-year-old boys didn't get much respect when they announced they were robbing the Marathon-Republic Credit Union in Texas City, Texas, even when they said they were armed. "He said, 'Lady, I ain't playing with you. I have a gun, this is a robbery,'" said manager Judy Boles. The boys ran off when Ms. Boles called their bluff and the kids weren't armed.



People



* **H. Theodore Proudford, III**, former director of financial planning for Kaiserman Management, Inc., in Philadelphia, has been selected president of Felder Construction Co. in that city.

* **Edie Walden**, a former account executive with Bobbi Marcus Public Relations in Los Angeles, recently was named senior account executive at Norman Winter/Associates, an entertainment public relations firm based in that city.



Theodore Proudford Edie Walden

* **Kirt B. Bennett**, a senior majoring in political science/speech communications at Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge, has been elected president of the Student Government Association at LSU. He is the second Black to hold this distinguished office.

* **Kevin Williams**, vice president of field administration for Domino's Pizza headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., has been promoted to vice president of operations for Domino's, the world's largest pizza delivery.

* **Antoinette E. M. Leoney**, vice president of the Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys Assn., has been appointed affirmative action officer and director of the Office of Government Regulation Compliance at Brandeis Univ. in Waltham, Mass.

* **Marsha Needham**, personnel recruiter for Cable News Network (CNN) in Atlanta, has been promoted to personnel manager for CNN's New York and Washington, D.C., bureaus.



Kirt Bennett Antoinette Leoney

* **Joan Logue-Kinder**, former corporate vice president with National Black Network Broadcasting, Inc., recently joined the Mingo Group/Plus Inc. in New York City as senior vice president.

* **Dr. Ezra C. Davidson, Jr.**, a professor and chairman of the obstetricians and gynecologists department at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles since 1971, recently became the president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is the first Black to hold that position.



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EDUCATION

N.C. Colleges United To Train More Black Teachers

Increasing the pool of prospective minority teachers is the focus of a new consortium of North Carolina colleges initiated by the Ford Foundation and managed by the Southern Education Foundation (SEF).

The Ford Foundation awarded a grant of \$705,000 to SEF to manage the North Carolina Minority Teachers Consortium for two years. The consortium is part of a multimillion dollar Ford Foundation effort to increase the pool of minority teachers by focusing on non-traditional programs that target those who would not ordinarily meet the criteria for entry into the teacher education program.

The Black colleges participating in the program are: Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Living-

ston College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central State University, Saint Augustine's College, Shaw University, Johnson C. Smith University and Winston-Salem State University.

➔ **Alumni Gift:** Wilberforce (Ohio) University President Dr. John L. Henderson joyfully accepts a check for \$1 million from University Alumni Association President Ella Becton as Susan Kidd, anchorwoman for WRC-TV, looks on during the 22nd National Alumni Conference in Washington, D.C. This was the largest gift ever made to the university by the alumni. The funds were collected over a three-year period to support construction.

stone College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central State University, Saint Augustine's College, Shaw University, Johnson C. Smith University and Winston-Salem State University.

Teachers Give Student Retention Custom Poor Mark

Educators, who once danced to the music of angry parents, and legislators who insisted schools hold back failing students, are now dancing to a different tune, saying retention is costly to kids and school budgets.

Contrary to popular belief, many teachers say holding students back worsens scholarly progress, contributes to the nation's towering dropout rate and disproportionately affects minorities. It is estimated the annual cost of a four percent national retention rate is \$5.76 billion.

Solutions to the problem include ensuring students succeed by increasing parental interaction and boosting the number of kids participating in peer-teaching.

SCLC Women Prexy Says Education Is Key To Help Prevent Single Motherhood



Evelyn Lowery

Evelyn Lowery, president of the SCLC Women, a family-issues arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and wife of SCLC president Joseph Lowery, said education and prevention efforts must remain intact to solve the problem.

"These figures are alarming. The problems are not getting better; they're getting worse. Our effort at teen pregnancy education has got to continue," Mrs. Lowery said. "Many of these young people are (themselves) from single parent homes."

She said young Black women have been especially affected by cutbacks in educational aid and in work programs.

Statistics from the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reported that 62 percent of Black infants were born to unwed mothers. The study also showed that infant mortality rates are higher for infants born to unmarried mothers than children of marriage for both Blacks and Whites. For Blacks, the non-marriage infant mortality rate was 19.6 compared to 14.6 for children of married women.

Responding to a recent survey which showed that a disproportionate number of Black babies are born to unwed mothers, Mrs.

Job Success Dims For Those Without Degrees

A growing number of young people with high school diplomas only are struggling, often in part-time jobs where pay is low and benefits are few or nonexistent, because they don't possess the skills to be high-wage earners, according to a report released by the General Accounting Office (GAO), an independent agency of the U.S. government.

Alva D. Thomas, director of career Planning and Placement at Chicago State University, says it's almost impossible for young adults to find good-paying jobs without a college degree. "Without some type of enhancement, the doors are literally closed," she said. "In today's world of technology, high school graduates need to attend a four-year college, community college or vocational school if they want to be self-supporting."

Sex Education Counseling Makes Young Males More Responsible, Study Reveals

Contrary to popular belief, counseling young men on being more sexually responsible does have a beneficial impact on their behavior, according to results from a recent study of 1,200 men.

Researchers conducted the study, reported in the current issue of Family Planning Perspectives, to investigate ways to reduce unwanted pregnancies. The study found young men practiced more effective contraception measures or put off sexual intercourse following sex counseling.

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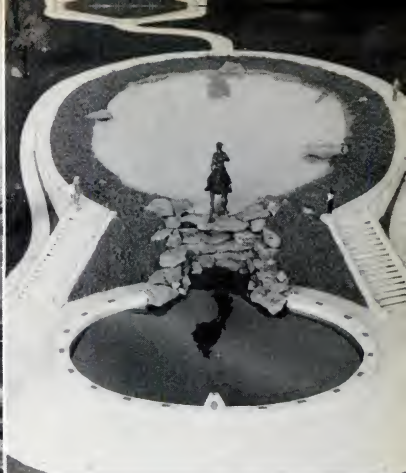


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Artist Lee Brubaker's rendition of the Buffalo Soldier sculpture (l) which will appear in the Buffalo Soldier monument (scale model) being built at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where the soldiers lived.

Buffalo Soldiers Honored With Monument In Kansas

The Black "Buffalo Soldiers," nicknamed by the Indians because their fierce and brave fighting strength resembled that of the bison, were recently honored for their contributions in U.S. wars at a ceremony marking the start of construction of a monument to them in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Gen. Colin Powell, the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, praised the soldiers' work during the ceremony at the fort where the members of the all-Black 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments were garrisoned.

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pre-Revolutionary times through the Revolutionary War, through every one of our wars and on up to the present, Black men and women have willingly served and died." The soldiers, he added, represented "an everlasting symbol of human courage in the face of all obstacles and all dangers."

The Buffalo Soldier Monument, Gen. Powell noted, will honor all Black American soldiers who have served this nation over its long history, and "for the freedom they did not enjoy here in their own beloved land."

The monument is designed by Black sculptor Eddie Dixon of Lubbock, Tex. It features a Buffalo Soldier atop a cascading waterfall between two pools of water.



■ **Troop Deployment:** Gen. Colin Powell (r), chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney take questions from reporters during a recent briefing at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. regarding troop movement to the Persian Gulf region. Powell announced that the U.S. military was ready to respond to the Iraqi takeover of oil-rich Kuwait. At right, Petty Officer 2nd Class Hector feeds infant daughter Karmen just before leaving recently on the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga at the Mayport (Fla.) Naval Air Station. The Saratoga set off on a six-month tour in a show of military strength against Iraq.

Duke Divinity School Grad Named Head Army Chaplain

Chaplain Matthew A. Zimmerman Jr., who was one of the first two Blacks enrolled in the masters program at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, N.C., and a 1965 graduate of that institution, was recently sworn in as U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains.

Zimmerman, who assumed the rank of major general, has been deputy chief of chaplains since 1989. The ordained National Baptist Convention minister, who

also earned a bachelor's from Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., also served as campus minister at Idaho State University and Morris College in Sumter, S.C., before joining the U.S. military service and being commissioned a captain in 1967.

The Rock Hill, S.C. native, who also holds a masters from Long Island University in Brooklyn, N.Y., now plans to return to Duke Divinity School to deliver the Martin Luther King Lectures in April of next year.

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Houston

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Omaha

SOUTH CAROLINA

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Charleston

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Mobile

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Andrew Young Loses Runoff And Chance To Become Ga.'s 1st Black Governor

Andrew Young, a former Atlanta mayor, U.S. congressman and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, recently ended his chances of soon becoming Georgia's first Black governor after being defeated in the state's Democratic-gubernatorial runoff.

Young, shocked by a Black voter turnout that was flimsier than he had anticipated, won 32 percent of the vote, while his opponent, Lt. Gov. Zell Miller, received 68 percent.

Speculations as to why the 58-year-old civil rights activist lost the run-off ranged from his having made a bold bid for the governorship too late, to the assertion that his campaign ads weren't hardhitting enough. The issue of race was not openly focused on by either candidate during the race. But Young later remarked, "I don't think there'll ever be a color-



Jean Young wipes a tear away as her husband Andrew Young surrenders the election for the Ga. Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

less campaign."

Still, Young, who expressed no regrets over his defeat, simply concluded he wasn't able to meet enough Georgians during the campaign. "I now realize that maybe I should have started eight years ago instead of this year."

U.S. Rep. Ford Wins In Primary, Seeks 9th Term



Harold Ford
attempt for a ninth term.

Ford, 45, beat state Rep. Pam Gaia, and Memphis businessman

U.S. Rep Harold Ford, Tennessee's only Black congressman, overwhelmingly defeated two primary opponents in his recent at-

tempt for a ninth term. Ford, an eight-term incumbent who has been in Congress since 1975, was indicted by a federal grand jury in 1987 on bank and mail fraud charges. He spent 11 weeks on trial in Memphis before a mistrial was declared in April.

Ford supporters have remained loyal despite the charges.

SOCIETY WORLD

COCKTAIL CHITCHAT: The prestigious Stone House, on the grounds of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., was the magnificent setting for the Friendship Luncheon with the Wives of the African Ambassadors Club and its president, Mrs. **Eugenia Schuppius**, as special guests. She is wife of the ambassador of Togo, **Ellom K. Schuppius**. The exciting affair, hosted by the International Trends and Services Committee of the Capital City Links, was under the patronage of **Ginger Sullivan**, wife of HHS Secretary **Louis W. Sullivan**. The event was spearheaded by the chapter prexy **Margurite Mazique**, and chairperson **Stephanie Lee-Miller**. . . **Dr. Lucy R. Wilson**, an administrator at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and the wife of **Harrison B. Wilson**, president of Norfolk State University, recently was elected chairman of the Norfolk School Board. . . In Encino, Calif., **Dr. and Mrs. Navorro Stafford** tossed a super birthday bash for his brother, **Atty. Bobby Stafford** of Arlington, Va. The honoree's wife, **Atty. Mari Stafford**, and many others joined in. . . **Dr. Franklin G. Jenifer**, the new president of Howard University, expounded admirably on his aspirations for the university at the cocktail reception/dinner fund-raiser sponsored by the University's Alumni Affairs Dept. and its director, **Nesta Bernard**, in Dee Cee. . . **Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dunmore** of D.C. were happy when their daughter, **Dr. Gwendolyn LaVerne Dunmore**, recently informed them that she and her fiancé, **Dr. Kevin William Alexander**, will join her sister, **Dr. Jacquelyn Beryl Dunmore** and her fiancé, **Dr. Wayman Thomas Griffith**, in a double wedding on October 7th.



■ **Charming Couple:** Mr. and Mrs. **Leslie Emanuel Marshall** take a romantic carriage ride after marrying during a charming ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Dallas. The bride, formerly **Debra Lozella Mars**, earned an MBA at the Univ. of Wisconsin. She is manager of minority business development at **Frito-Lay Inc.**, in Dallas. The bridegroom is a sales executive for **Apple Computers** in Houston, where the couple will live.





❖ **Detectives Wed:** Chandler Wynn Powell and Denise Bridget Harris recently married at Clinton Chapel AMEZ Church in New Bern, N.C. The bride, a graduate of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C., is a criminal investigator for the New Bern Police Dept. The groom is a vice and narcotics detective with the Annapolis (Md.) Police Dept. They honeymooned in the Poconos and live in Annapolis.



❖ **Loving Occasion,** Malverst J. Robinson III and the former Cynthia L. Smalls, were united in matrimony recently at Friendship Baptist Church in Schenectady, N.Y. The bride, who attended Hampton (Va.) Univ. and Northeastern Univ. in Boston, Mass., is an account manager for Control Data Corp. in Philadelphia. The groom, a graduate of Northeastern Univ., is a civil engineer for the city of Philadelphia Water Dept.



❖ **Committed Couple:** Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Tate slice their wedding cake after wedding at McDonald Drive Church of Christ in Knoxville, Tenn. The bride, the former Althenia Morrow, earned her master's from The Ohio State Univ. in Columbus, Ohio. She is a school guidance counselor in Knox County, Tenn. The groom a City Univ. of New York grad, is an accounting analyst in Oak Ridge, Tenn. They reside in Knoxville.



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NEWSMAKERS

► **Rappers Restrained:** Christopher Reid (l) and Christopher Martin, better known as the rap group Kid 'n Play, were recently arrested in Augusta, Ga., and charged with simulating an act of sexual intercourse on stage. They were released after paying a \$500 fine.

Court In Italy Orders Prince To Pay \$1.3 Mil For Cancelling 2 Shows

A Venice, Italy court recently ordered the seizure of \$1.3 million from pop music idol Prince at the request of organizers of his Italian tour after the entertainer cancelled two shows.

Tour organizers charged in their

Racism Makes Life In 2 South Carolina Towns 'Hell' For White Actress

When White actress Julia Roberts recently went on location in Spartanburg and Abbeville, S.C., for an upcoming film project, the racism there made her feel like she was living in "hell," according to a recent magazine article.



Julia Roberts

Ms. Roberts, who starred in *Steel Magnolias* and *Pretty Woman*, was in the area filming the 20th Century Fox flick *Sleeping With The Enemy*, scheduled for a February release. During her time there, "The people were horribly racist and I had a really hard time," *Rolling Stone* magazine quoted her as saying.

"In Abbeville, I felt so assaulted and insulted by these people that I just didn't want to be nice anymore," she said in the article.

The mayor of Abbeville, S.C., Joe Savitz, said Ms. Roberts' run-in with racism there was probably linked to her taking a Black friend to a "real redneck-type place" that does not permit Black customers.

lawsuit they lost money when Prince cancelled performances scheduled to be held in Turin and Udine. The dates were dropped after two of Prince's earlier shows attracted far smaller crowds than anticipated.

Black Bart Simpson T-Shirts Raise Concern Among Blacks

Not everyone thinks Bart Simpson is cool.

Many in Black communities across the nation are alarmed by the widespread sale and distribution of T-shirts featuring the likeness of "The Simpsons" popular cartoon character as a little Black boy.

During a recent picnic of Black Greek letter sororities and fraternities in Philadelphia, one Black man chastised those sporting the shirts, saying, "With all the Black heroes in the world—Mandela and Malcolm and Martin—and that's who you are showing our children?"

In a counter move, anti-Bart shirts have been cropping up as

well. One declared of the bug-eyed, spike-haired caricature, "It's not a Black thing." One vendor from Baltimore who had these shirts available said, "We are the only people in the world that let somebody take a White cartoon character, paint it Black and then sell it to us for 10 bucks."

Black To Head Sheriff's Service Division In Macon

As part of a 1979 desegregation agreement still in effect, Maj. Robert White will become the first Black to head a division of the Bibb County sheriff's department in Macon, Ga. Maj. White will oversee the newly-formed 37-deputy service division. His duties will include running two low-security jail buildings and training deputies.

■ **Mayoral Appointees:** New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins recently named Edward Lewis, chairman, and Hazel Dukes, president, of the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation. They are the first Blacks to hold their respective positions since OTB began operating in 1971. The corporation takes bets on horse racing at independent parlors across the state and revenue is distributed among state, city and local government and the racing industry.



Senate OKs LeGree Daniels For Postal Governor Post



LeGree S. Daniels In a vote a few hours before the August recess, members of the U.S. Senate confirmed Mrs. LeGree S. Daniels, a former assistant secretary of education (for civil rights) during the Reagan years, as a governor of the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C.

She will attend the first board meeting on Sept. 10 in St. Louis. The body governs one of the

largest government agencies—with a \$40 billion budget, 760,000 employees, 40,000 post offices, and a giant retail chain.

Another Black governor is IBM Assistant Treasurer Ira C. Hall.

A resident of Harrisburg, Pa., Mrs. Daniels formerly served as president of the National Black Republican Council. In her home state, she worked in Pennsylvania government positions spanning five decades.

At one time she was deputy secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She was twice named vice chair of the National Electoral College and has been a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations.

N.J. Interracial Couple Nets \$415,000 Settlement From Board Of Education

The Willingboro Board of Education in New Jersey recently reached a \$275,800 out-of-court settlement with an interracial couple, former employees, who sued the board in state and federal courts after they were dismissed, charging the firings were racially motivated. The settlement ended a nine-year legal battle with the ex-maintenance workers resulting in three lawsuits which have awarded the couple nearly \$415,000 from the board and its insurers.

The couple, Gertrude LeCates who is Black and in her mid-30s and Robert LeCates, 66, who is White, were dismissed shortly after they were engaged in 1981. The LeCates filed suit in 1983.

White Tenant With Black Boyfriend Gets \$150,000 In Housing Bias Suit

A federal district court in Chicago recently awarded Susanne Littlefield, a 25-year-old White woman \$150,000 in damages because a landlord refused to rent to her after discovering her boyfriend was Black.

According to Littlefield's attorney, the landlord, Malcolm McGuffey, revoked a rental agreement after Ms. Littlefield sent her boyfriend, Bruce Collins, to McGuffey with a \$100 check to pay for installation of new carpeting. Ms. Littlefield had already paid a \$280 security deposit.

After Collins left, McGuffey allegedly changed the locks on the apartment and later harassed Littlefield over the phone with racial insults.

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Milwaukee, WI	Fri., September 14
Performing Arts Center	8:00 p.m.
Ft. Wayne, IN	Sat., September 15
Embassy Theater	8:00 p.m.
Columbus, OH	Sun., September 16
The Ohio Theatre	8:00 p.m.
Canton, OH	Tues., September 18
Parke Hotel	8:00 p.m.
Harrisburgh, PA	Wed., September 19
The Forum	8:00 p.m.
York, PA	Thurs., September 20
William Penn High School Aud.	8:00 p.m.
Wilmington, DE	Fri., September 21
The Grand Opera House	8:00 p.m.
Atlantic City, NJ	Sat., September 22
Resorts International Casino/Hotel	12 noon
Trenton, NJ	Sun., September 23
War Memorial Building	5:00 p.m.
Bridgeport, CT	Tues., September 25
Klein Memorial Aud.	8:00 p.m.
New London, CT	Wed., September 26
Radisson Hotel	8:00 p.m.

Words of the Week

Debbie Turner, Miss America, who will complete her year-long reign next month, on how she'll feel when she crowns the next Miss America during ceremonies in Atlantic City: *"I didn't derive any of my identity from Miss America, so I'm not losing anything. I'm still going to be Debbie when I hand the crown over."*

Marvin Winans, member of the contemporary family gospel group, The Winans, on how they try to reach young people with their contemporary, soulful gospel style: *"If you pull back all the music, you would hear a poignant, powerful gospel message. It's just wrapped in a musical package so our young people will be drawn to it."*

Etta James, gutsy blues singer, noting that some people don't understand the meaning of blues singing: *"A lot of people today have a tendency to think like my kids. They asked me, 'Mom, when are you going to stop singing that Uncle Tom music?'... Young Black people have a tendency to think that the blues has a sharecropper or ghetto mentality—low self-esteem music. Well, I don't think about the blues that way. Never have."*

Bubba Paris, tackle for the Super Bowl XXIV champion San Francisco 49ers who came to training camp weighing 340 pounds, but said he had recently lost 37 pounds, on his weight: *"Everybody saw me look like a whale. Now, I look like a normal, fat human being."*

Dr. Roselyn P. Epps, Howard University professor of pediatrics and president of Girls Inc., a New York headquartered organization that teaches young girls basic life coping skills and motivates them to excel, on the importance of helping out in the community: *"It's important that people give something back to the community, not only when they can get something in return, not just their job, but something beyond that. The problems of today are so big, they're not going to be solved unless we work in a lot of different places."*



Debbie Turner



Marvin Winans

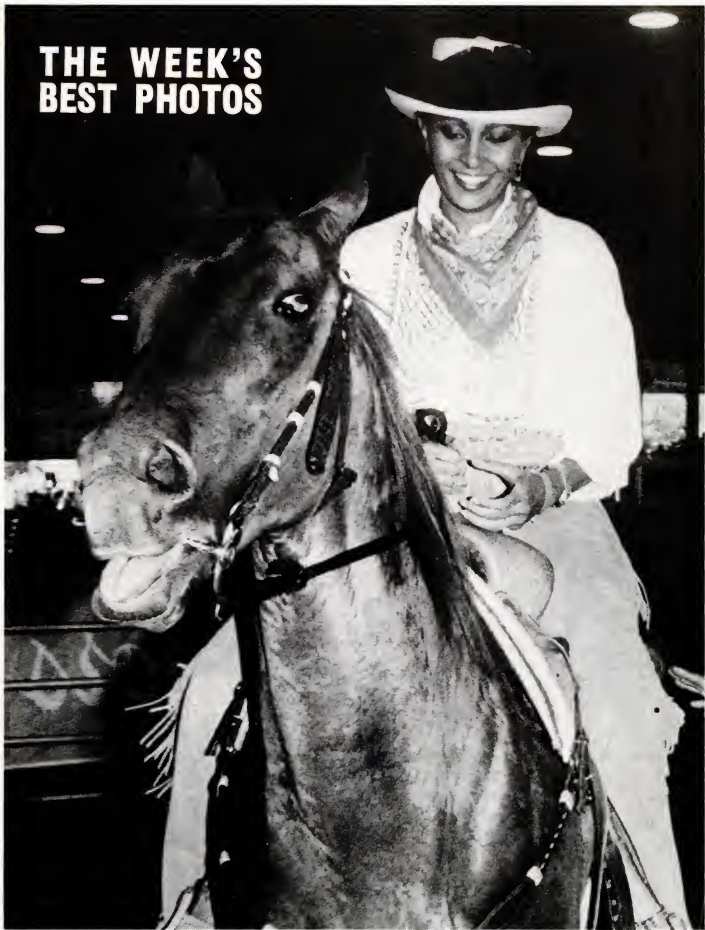


Etta James



Roselyn Epps

THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS



Bill Jones

► **Whoa There!:** Sexy actress Pam Grier shows her horsemanship skills during the annual Coors Bill Pickett rodeo held in Los Angeles. The celebrity-studded extravaganza benefitted the Los Angeles Urban League's Milken Family Literacy Center.

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BEAUTY OF THE WEEK

A full-page photograph of a woman with long, dark, curly hair, smiling and posing on a sandy beach. She is wearing a bright yellow one-piece swimsuit with black trim along the neckline, armholes, and leg openings. Her right hand is raised to her head, and her left hand rests on her thigh. The background is a bright, sandy beach with some sparse vegetation visible in the distance.

Diane Flemming (36-24-36) is from Smithfield, Va. In her spare time she enjoys interior designing and sports.

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Bill Jones

► **A Father's Pride:** Superstar Stevie Wonder is the recipient of all sorts of accolades, but nothing makes him happier than spending a playful moment with son, Keita, following a recent appearance at the Universal Amphitheater in Universal City, Ca.



Bill Jones

► **Mother's Helping Hand:** Actress-sports commentator Jayne Kennedy-Overton gives her daughter, Savannah Re, some pointers on how to get perfect shots every time as the youngster prepared to take a photo at a recent rally for Nelson Mandela in Los Angeles.



SPORTS

Joe Morgan and Jim Palmer (l) display their plaques after their induction to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Joe Morgan Stands Tall In Baseball Hall Of Fame

Joe Morgan, standing only 5-foot-7, now stands among the greats of baseball, as the two-time National League Most Valuable Player was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame.

"I wish I could say this was the culmination of all my dreams," said Morgan, who played 20 seasons, starting in 1963 with the Houston Colt 45's, "but truthfully, I never dreamed about making the Hall of Fame. I only dreamed about making it to the major leagues."

Morgan's induction into the Hall of Fame was delayed by one day by heavy rains in Cooperstown, N.Y., site of baseball Hall of Fame.

Morgan, who made his mark as the second baseman for the Cin-

cinnati Reds' Big Red Machine in the Seventies, recalled his first at bat (actually his second), "I got a base hit, and the winning run scored," Morgan said. "Gene Mauch, who was the manager of the (Philadelphia) Phillies, was so mad that when he went into the clubhouse, he told his players, 'You guys got beat by a guy that looks like a Little Leaguer.'"

"Now," Morgan said, "I'm part of the biggest league of all."

Mike Tyson Tops List Of Top Sports Earners

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson may have lost his title to James "Buster" Douglas, but Forbes Magazine expects



Mike Tyson

him to outduel Douglas for the title of the top paid athlete for 1990.

Forbes estimates that Tyson will earn \$28.6 million this year, \$2.6 million more than Douglas, the reigning undisputed heavyweight champ, who is expected to earn \$26 million.

Top heavyweight contender Evander Holyfield also made the top ten list, finishing in a tie for 10th at an estimated \$8.1 million.

Other Blacks in the top ten were Sugar Ray Leonard, 3rd, at \$13 million, and basketball's Michael Jordan, at 8th with \$8.1 million.

Other Blacks in the top 30 were Bo Jackson, \$4.5 million, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, \$4.5 million and Patrick Ewing, \$4.2 million.

Douglas, Holyfield Are Ready To Contest Title

Undisputed heavyweight boxing champ James "Buster" Douglas has changed his mind and now says that he'll hold on to his title for "three or four years," rather than retire after two fights.

"Yes, I've changed my mind about quitting early," said Douglas, who will have his first defense against top contender Evander Holyfield Oct. 25 in Las Vegas. "I'm the heavyweight champion and it was a long time getting there. I learned something from every fight, and now I'm the total fighter I always wanted to be."

Douglas predicted a knockout victory over Holyfield and said the "jury is still out on my next opponent." Douglas is reportedly considering a fight against former champ George Foreman, 42, before taking on a rematch with Mike Tyson.

But Holyfield warns Douglas not to count those title fights too fast.



Number-one contender Evander Holyfield (l), squares off with undisputed heavyweight champ James "Buster" Douglas during a news conference to announce their Oct. 25 fight in Las Vegas.

"I've seen him quit before," Holyfield said of Douglas, "and I feel when it comes down to the heart, I feel that I have what it takes."

Black ACC Female Exec. Reveals Golf Club Snub

DeLores Todd, an assistant commissioner for the Atlantic Coast Conference, has alleged that she applied for membership in a Greensboro, N.C., country club two years ago, but was denied because she was Black.

Todd said at the same time the Forest Oaks Country Club approved the membership of a colleague, David Thompson, who is White. Todd alleged that she was denied membership because the

club has an unwritten policy excluding Blacks, an allegation that the club denies.

"I think most minorities would look at what has happened to me and think, 'Well, what is the use of applying?'" Todd told the Greensboro News & Record.

Todd said Forest Oaks told her that her rejection was based on an unacceptable credit rating, which she vehemently disputes. She said she has a 1988 report that gave her top ratings in 25 of 26 categories.



■ **Hall of Famers:** Former Kansas City Chiefs standout defensive end Buck Buchanan and former Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris display their busts after ceremonies in Canton, Ohio, where they were inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame.

Lakers Michael Cooper Denied Italian Contract



Michael Cooper Los Angeles Lakers guard Michael Cooper, the senior member of the team, was told by the National Basketball Association that he is not free to play with an Italian team this year, and must play with the Lakers.

Cooper, 34, a 12-year veteran,

was reportedly offered a three-year, \$5 million contract by Il Messaggero Roma of the Italian League. But the NBA ruled that Cooper is still contractually bound to the Lakers for one year, and that he would have to pass through waivers and have no other NBA team choose him (which is highly unlikely). Cooper is slated to earn \$612,000 this season.

Terry Cummings Signs \$11.5 Million Contract

Veteran forward Terry Cummings has agreed to a 5-year, \$11.5 million contract extension with the San Antonio Spurs, that he acknowledges could be his last pro contract.

"We got a lot taken care of," said Cummings. "I really love this city and the team, and I'm looking forward to winning a championship."

At one point in drawn out negotiations, Cummings, 29, had considered leaving basketball to pursue private business interests. He averaged 22.4 points and 8.4 rebounds last year, his first in San Antonio.

Robinson To Receive College Heritage Award

Grambling State University head football coach Eddie Robinson, the winningest coach in college football history, will receive the first College Football Heritage Award at halftime of the Disneyland Classic, pitting Colorado and Tennessee, at Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 26.

Robinson, who is entering his 47th year as coach at Grambling, has won 358 games, more than any other college coach.



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New Laker forward Sam Perkins is now one of the highest-paid players in the NBA.

Perkins Strikes Gold With \$19 Million Pact

Free agent Sam Perkins is now one of the highest paid players in the NBA, signing a 6-year, \$19 million contract to play for the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Is anybody worth that kind of money? I don't know," said the 6-foot-9 Perkins, who became an unrestricted free agent when his pack with the Dallas Mavericks expired. "I'm not used to this; a Magic Johnson or James Worthy is clear cut.

"For me, it's a first-time position. I don't have the notoriety of a Magic or a Worthy or a David Robinson," said Perkins, 29, an admitted "marginal" player who

earns one of the top five salaries in the league.

Dave Winfield Cleared Of Gambling Allegations

Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent recently said that gambling allegations involving former New York Yankees star Dave Winfield "are not a serious issue."



Dave Winfield

Vincent was responding to an Aug. 13 Sports Illustrated story that cited several people who claimed that Winfield, who now plays for the California Angels, gambled on sports other than baseball.

Vincent and investigator John Dowd said that there was no evidence of wrongdoing by Winfield.

Winfield angrily reacted to the story, saying he was "outraged" and calling the magazine's report "all fabrication."

Jordan Takes Pay Cut To Get Help For Bulls

Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan made the ultimate sacrifice recently, when he agreed to take a cut in pay so that the team could afford to buy some high-priced help.

Jordan, who reportedly earns in the area of \$2.7 million a year, agreed to cut his paycheck by about \$300,000 so that the Bulls could acquire free agent Dennis Hopson and still not be over the league's salary cap.

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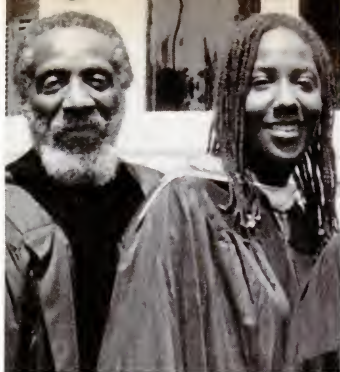
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Dick Gregory poses with daughter, Miss Gregory, at Hampton Institute graduation exercise.

LAW AND JUSTICE

Gregory Says Court Freezes \$2 Million Owed Him As He Faces Eviction And Creditors

Comedian/activist/nutritionist Dick Gregory says a lawsuit against him for \$105,000 has triggered a chain of creditors to press him for payment on debts he owes, including the Citizen Trust Bank of Atlanta which notified him that on Aug. 13 he faces eviction from his ranch-style farm house in Plymouth, Mass., if he fails to pay the balance of the mortgage and note in the amount of \$185,201.79.

Gregory's financial plight came to light as a result of his appearance in the U.S. District Court in Boston before Judge Edward Harrington. He told the judge that he owes more than \$1.4 million to creditors who include the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), American Express, banks and

Frank Nicholas II, whose lawsuit brought him into the court.

Before his court appearance, Gregory told JET that he had already petitioned Philadelphia Judge Joseph L. McGlynn, Jr., to consider the release from the Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania the sum of \$25,000 directly to Miss Gregory (his daughter) so that she may pursue her legal education at Georgetown University Law Center, where she has been accepted for admission in September.

Gregory says he has six other children in colleges and their tuitions are due also in September.

When Gregory informed Judge Harrington in the Boston court that he is owed more than \$2 million in royalties and commissions from the sales of his Dick Gregory's Bahamian Slim-Safe Diet products and that the money is frozen during a court battle with a former business partner in Pennsylvania, Judge Harrington suggested that he return to show business to make some big money in a hurry.

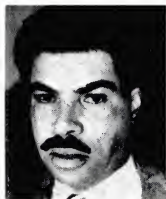
"Why don't you go back in your old business for a limited time and make some money and pay off your debts?" the judge asked the former night club star who reached the pinnacle of success during the 1960s before he became active in the civil rights struggle led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Responding with an emotional speech, Gregory told the court that he left show business when he became health conscious and could not reconcile the conflict be-

tween his health advocacy and appearing in smoke-filled nightclubs where alcoholic beverages were sold. Gregory also told Judge Harrington not to believe the article cited by Atty. Bruce Metge, who represented Nicholas. The article said Gregory sold franchise rights to his Slim-Safe Bahamian Diet for \$30 million.

Denying that he has sold anything for \$30 million, Gregory said: "If I had, I wouldn't stand here with 10 children and let my house be repossessed."

Ex FBI Agent Settles Race Bias Lawsuit For \$1 Million In Pension



Donald Rochon
lawsuit charging he had been a victim of racial discrimination while employed there.

Donald Rochon, a special agent, sued over alleged discrimination against him in the bureau's Chicago office (JET, July 24, 1989). In addition, his wife, Susan Rochon, who is White, was awarded a \$150,000 payment under the settlement.

The suit by Rochon, 39, alleged he was harassed because of his race during the two years he served in Omaha and Chicago. He accused supervisors at the FBI of allowing the harassment against

him and his family and retaliating against him when he complained about the treatment.

Among the charges in the lawsuit, Rochon said, pictures of apes were placed over those of his children in an office photograph; insurance policies covering death, dismemberment and burial were taken out or requested in his name; written threats of mutilation, sexual assault and death were sent to his office; and obscene phone calls relating to his interracial marriage were made to his home.

The only terms of the settlement disclosed indicated Rochon would not return to the bureau, the agency would not concede any wrongdoing and a probe into the possible misconduct by its employees will continue.

Philadelphia Told To Pay Rap Clubs \$3 Million

A federal court jury in Philadelphia recently ordered the city of Philadelphia to pay more than \$3 million to the owners of two now-defunct rap music clubs.

In a seven-day trial before U.S. District Court Judge Clarence C. Newcomer, the jury found the local Department of Licenses and Inspections violated the civil rights of the clubs, After Midnight, by blocking a dance-hall license; and Down South, by closing it for fire code violations after neighbors complained of noise and traffic jams.

Compensatory damages of \$2,553,000 went to the owners of After Midnight and \$522,000 to the owners of Down South.



Actress Lynn Whitfield recently wed British director Brian Gibson during private ceremony in London.

Actress Lynn Whitfield Weds Director Of Her Film 'The Josephine Baker Story'

Lynn Whitfield, the actress who will star in the title role in the upcoming Home Box Office movie *The Josephine Baker Story*, recently wed the British director of the production during nuptials in London, a spokesperson for HBO told JET.

Ms. Whitfield and award-winning director Brian Gibson, whose credits include *Poltergeist II* and the made-for-TV movie *Drug Wars—The Camarena Story*, wed in a private ceremony in London with a few family members and friends on hand for the special occasion, according to Richard

Rothenstein, director of unit publicity at HBO.

The pair first met when Ms. Whitfield auditioned for the role of Josephine Baker, the entertainer who was the toast of Paris during the 1920s largely due to her semi-nude song and dance routines. When Ms. Whitfield finally was selected to star in the HBO film, which is scheduled for a February 1991 release, it was during rehearsals in Los Angeles that "she started feeling those feelings—feelings of love," Rothenstein told JET.

Around the end of March, Ms. Whitfield, Gibson and other members of the cast and crew were off to Hungary for three months of rehearsing and filming. "During that time, they got to be really close," Rothenstein said, noting that Ms. Whitfield even nursed Gibson back to health when he was stricken with a bout of pneumonia that brought their shooting schedule to a halt for a week.

As soon as shooting was completed, the actress, who most recently appeared in the television movie, *Women Of Brewster Place*, and the director were off to London, where he lives, to exchange wedding vows.

The couple will maintain a residence in London as well as Los Angeles, said Rothenstein. At JET press time, the newlyweds were back in London after enjoying a romantic honeymoon in Italy. The Gibsons plan to return to the states in September or November for a wedding reception in Los Angeles celebrating their union, Rothenstein added.

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SHERYL LEE RALPH

Talks About Her New TV Series And How She Kept A String On Her Finger Until She Found The Right Man

By ALDORE COLLIER

Sheryl Lee Ralph is happy with her new ABC-TV comedy, "New Attitude," and she's even happier now that she has an engagement ring to replace the string she kept on her finger until she found the right man. She is engaged to be married in December.

In "New Attitude," she and Phyllis Yvonne Stickney star as sisters who own a beauty salon. The two are about as opposite as can be imagined. "Phyllis plays the wild, outrageous one. I play her sister, I'm the prim and proper one. I consider my character very much like Mary Tyler Moore, except she doesn't whine. We're (she and Phyllis) on different ends of the spectrum here. What's wonderful about the show is you get to see two Black women in a situation where they're not cooking food, they're not cleaning up after anybody and they own the joint. That's the big difference."

The show, which also stars Time lead vocalist Morris Day and former "Good Times" co-star Ja'Net DuBois, debuted Aug. 8 and so far, eight shows have been shot. Their regular time slot will

Soon-to-be wed Sheryl Lee Ralph stars in new ABC-TV comedy, "New Attitude." Below, Ms. Ralph (l) and Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, play sisters who co-own a beauty salon in the fresh, hilarious, sit-com.



be Fridays at 9:30 p.m. (EST). She points out that Fridays do not have to be deadly prime time days, especially considering the phenomenal success of such Friday shows as "Miami Vice" and "Dallas."

She is ecstatic about having the chance to conquer that monster called prime time television. And she is even happier to be able to take off that string that she wore for so many months.

The whole idea of wearing a string on her finger came about last New Year's Eve. Her birthday falls on that day and she traditionally gives a party. "I put a string around my finger New Year's Eve because I sat up there and looked at my house and there were all of these people at my house having a good time, and they were all with somebody and I realized it was my party and I was the only person who wasn't there with somebody. And I said 'no, this can't work.' You have to pay attention to your life. The single life is wonderful, trust me. But part of us as human beings wants to share. There is nothing like that."

So, she wore the string as a daily reminder of her mission to find the right man. The same string traveled around the world with her. It became pretty dirty as she never replaced it with another for the many months she wore it. It all paid off a few months ago when she met a Black Frenchman whose identity she is trying to keep anonymous.

"I didn't wait to meet my man in L.A.," she said. "There are some



On the show, Sheryl and Phyllis depict the female odd couple. Ms. Ralph is prim and proper, while Ms. Stickney is wild and outrageous.

wonderful people around the world, especially Black people."

She is planning a massive wedding somewhere in the Caribbean that she hopes to keep private. "I'm going to have 2,000 balloons, 5,000 imported flowers, four trumpets, a string quartet, a calypso band, a steel band, a regular band and a disc jockey."

Before meeting her Frenchman, she recalls that she was like many career-oriented women. "Honey, you know something, so many sisters are out there saying they're never going to find this man and he's not out there. I think anybody who's between the ages of 27 and 35, well, something happens in that group. I think maybe



Sheryl Lee Ralph (r) poses with "New Attitude" cast members Phyllis Yvonne Stickney and Morris Day, who plays Lamarr, the salon's top stylist.

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we took our careers and our direction very seriously. There is nothing wrong with that, but you have to know that taking a direction seriously is important but taking your personal life seriously is just as important. It gets to a point where you realize, 'wow, I'm on track with what I set out to be on track with, but my personal life is sort of lacking. And it's not like magic. It takes time.' She remembers how dingy that little string got before she was able to get rid of it.

Determination is something she always has had in abundance. As

a kid growing up in the New York area, she always expected to be a doctor. She was a pre-med student at Rutgers University until she had to deal with cadavers in organic chemistry. She participated in the American College Theater Festival and won a scholarship in the competition. And that was it for medicine.

"I was like 'whoa I can make money at this and it's something that I love'" Ralph recalls

She graduated at age 19 and soon won a role in *A Piece of the Action*. In 1981 she got the coveted role of Deena Jones in *Dreamgirls*. She was in the short-lived series "Code Name: Foxfire," and performed in such series as "The Jeffersons," "Good Times," "L.A. Law" and the long-running soap "Search For Tomorrow."

She is optimistic that within a year she will be seen in *Randall and Juliette*, an American version of the French hit film *Mama, There's a Man in Your Bed*. Richard Dreyfuss and Kevin Kline were possible leading men. Now, Dustin Hoffman is considered the front-runner for the male lead in the movie about interracial love.

Though the string is gone as she has found her dream guy, her fingers are still crossed. This time it's for the success of "New Attitudes." "The audience is going to have a lot to do with this," she said.

"They've got to watch it and if they like it, they've got to take the time to sit down and write and say 'I like 'New Attitude' and I want to see more.'"

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- 17 **STAY WITH ME** Glenn Jones (Elektra)
- 18 **A NEW ESCAPEDE** Soul II Soul (Virgin)
- 19 **THE MAN IS BACK** Barry White (A&M)
- 20 **RHYTHM NATION** Janet Jackson (A&M)

Georg Stanford Brown, Wife Tyne Daly Set For Divorce Court

Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown and his wife Tyne Daly, who gained fame in the hit TV series "Cagney and Lacey" and won raves in the Broadway production of *Gypsy*, considered one of Tinsel Town's most stable unions, are reportedly heading for divorce court.

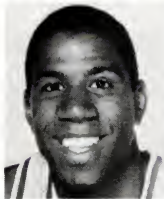
The New York Post reported Ms. Daly, who recently ended a successful run on Broadway in the title role of the hit production, was leaving her husband after 24 years of marriage. Brown came to prominence on TV in the cop series "The Rookies" before turning his attention to directing TV series including "Hotel," "Miami Vice," "Hill Street Blues" and the show that starred his wife, "Cagney and Lacey." The couple have three children, Alexandria, 4; Kathrynne, 18; and Elizabeth, 21. "Irreconcilable differences" were cited as the cause of the



Georg Stanford Brown and his wife Tyne Daly are reportedly ending their 24-year marriage.

break-up, according to the newspaper account. Ms. Daly and Brown are trying to work out arrangements for custody of their minor daughter and shared child support, the newspaper said.

Earvin 'Magic' Johnson Puts Off Wedding Day



Los Angeles Lakers star Earvin 'Magic' Johnson and his fiancée Earletha Kelly won't be getting married this Sept. 1. The two have postponed the wedding due to concern that it would turn into a media circus, his sister Pearl

Johnson said.

"One day we'll just wake up and find out they're married. People should respect them for whatever they feel is right for them, and not to please the public," Ms. Johnson told USA Today.

At JET press time, a later date had not been scheduled, but Johnson emphasized the wedding will take place.

"We're still together and everything, but we're just going to wait. We're still going to get married, probably in Lansing (Mich.)."

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Actress-singer Vanity says she's putting aside her sexy image.

Vanity Swears Off Her Sexy Stereotype

Vanity, sultry actress-singer noted for sex-kitten roles and skimpy outfits, said recently she wants to get away from the sexy stereotype that has been the hallmark of her career.

"No more sex exploitation," declared the 31-year-old, who was discovered by and a love interest of pop music idol Prince. She added, "...I can't run around in my bra the rest of my life. I'm a lot more conservative now." To that end, Vanity recently starred in a cable TV movie *Memories of Murder* that was unlike any of her previous provocative roles. She is also working on a new album to showcase her true vocal abilities.

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JET's **TOP 20** Singles

Title	Artist and Label
1 MY, MY, MY	Johnny Gill (Motown)
2 CAN'T STOP	After Seven (Virgin)
3 JERK OUT	The Time (Reprise/Paisley)
4 MAKE YOU SWEAT	Keith Sweat (Elektra)
5 COME BACK TO ME	Janet Jackson (A&M)
6 BANNED IN THE USA	2 Live Crew (Skywalker)
7 MY KIND OF GIRL	Babyface (Solar/CBS)
8 CRAZY	The Boys (MCA)
9 LIES	EnVogue (Atlantic)
10 ALL I DO IS THINK OF YOU	Troop (Atlantic)
11 THE POWER	Snap (Arista)
12 DO ME	Bell, Biv & DeVoe (MCA)
13 WHAT GOES AROUND	Regina Belle (Columbia)
14 EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY	Black Box (BMG)
15 STAY	Glenn Jones (Jive)
16 BROTHERS GONNA WORK IT OUT	Public Enemy (Def Jam)
17 THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE	Prince (Paisley)
18 TALK TO ME	Anita Baker (Elektra)
19 LET THE RHYTHM HIT EM	Erik B & Rakim (Profile)
20 LAY YOUR TROUBLES DOWN	Angela Winbush (Mercury)



Johnny Gill



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Sheryl Lee Ralph/Morris Day/Phyllis Yvonne Stickney on "New Attitude," (Friday, August 24 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Sherman Hemsley/Clifton Davis on "Amen," (Saturday, August 25 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Marlon Archey on "Major Dad," (Monday, August 27 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Philip Michael Thomas in *A Fight For Jenny*, (Monday, August 27 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Meshach Taylor on "Designing Women," (Monday, August 27 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Bubba Smith/Michael Winslow in *Police Academy 4*, (Tuesday, August 28 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Howard Rollins/Anne Marie Johnson on "In The Heat of the Night," (Tuesday, August 28 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Marsha Warfield/Charles Robinson on "Night Court," (Wednesday, August 29 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Joe Morton on "Equal Justice," (Wednesday, August 29 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.



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